

MANIFESTATION

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Leaders • Various • Message 5

PRAY • KEY VERSE

Review

- If I'm a believer, God has given me gifts to give to others.
- If I use mine and let others use theirs, we all become mature.
- Some gifts are supernatural but not more spiritual.
- Some gifts are "natural" but become spiritual when used in faith for God.

Some of God's greatest gifts to me are the

LEADERS he has placed **OVER** me.

DIFFICULT BECAUSE WE ARE INDEPENDENT • DRAMATIC GIFTS → FEEL MORE INDEPENDENT
I'M A LEADER TO SOMEONE & GOD EXPECTS THEM TO FOLLOW • GOD EXPECTS ME TO FOLLOW.

THE GIFT OF LEADERS

Ephesians 4:1-13

YES, THERE ARE LEADERSHIP GIFTS, BUT THESE GIFTS ARE THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES!

Apostle – "Sent One"

MARK 3:14-19 • ACTS 2:42-43 • ACTS 4:34-35 • ACTS 14:14 • ACTS 15:4 • ROM 16:7
GAL 1:17-19 • GAL 2:8 • 1 COR 9:2 • 12:28 • 15:7-9 • 2CO 11:5 • REV 21:14 • JUDAS?

The office of apostle refers to the **TWELVE**, but extended to a few key **FIRST GENERATION LEADERS**.

"**ELDER**" was preferred for subsequent generations.

ARE THERE APOSTLES TODAY? • YES TO THE GIFT... SORT OF • BUT THEY ARE DEAD, AND THAT'S OK

Prophet -- One who Speaks for God

WARNING: PROPHET OR JUST MEAN? • OLD TESTAMENT • JESUS & JOHN • ACTS 11:27 • ACTS 13:1
PROPHET > APOSTLES (JOHN, JESUS) • PROPHET < APOSTLES (BARNABAS, ETC. • TIMELY OR FALSE

God may give a prophetic word or even a prophetic gift, but the office of prophet is **NOT PRESENTLY ACTIVE**.

Evangelist – A Good-news-er

ACTS 21:8 • ABOUT PHILIP (NOT APOSTLE, SAMARIA, ETHIOPIAN)

An evangelist is someone **FOCUSED** on proclaiming the **GOOD NEWS** of **JESUS**.

ARE THERE EVANGELISTS TODAY? YES! • BILLY GRAHAM
HOWEVER, 2 TIMOTHY 4:5 • IT'S A JOB NOT AN OFFICE

Pastor / Teacher – "Shepherd"

ACTUALLY ONLY ONE CONCEPT • ONLY TIME WE SEE "PASTOR" OUT OF 18 USES
JOHN 21:17 • 1 PETER 5:1-2 • ACTS 20:28 • TITUS 2:1

By the end of Paul's life, the churches were led by **SHEPHERD TEACHERS**.

Summary Conclusions

AFTER GOING THROUGH THIS WHOLE STUDY, WE CAN MAKE ONE MAJOR CONCLUSION.

The one enduring leadership office in the church is this:

ELDER / SHEPHERD / OVERSEER.

3 JOHN 1:1 • 1 PETER 5:1 • TITUS 1:5

TAKE IT HOME

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EPHESIANS 4:11-12